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WILL WIGGER BE DEPOSED? POINTERS ON THE RACES. DIVORCED BY FRAUD. DR. CHASE ON TRIAL.

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**PROBING HAS BEGUN.**

**Customs Investigation Committee in Session at the Barge Office.**

**Appraiser Cooper and Surveyor Lyon Call to Pay Respects.**

**Now Be that the Surveyor's Office Will Be the First Investigated.**

The Fairchild Commission, which is going to probe into the charges of fraud, corruption and incompetency which have been made against the customs service at this port, began work in earnest this morning at the Barge Office.

The hour for opening the session was 10.30, but at that time only three of the Commissioners had put in an appearance. They were ex-Congressman Daniel Magone, ex-Congressman re-elected Dunn and Lawyer Wallace Macfarlane.

The room in which the Commission is going to hold its sessions is a large, airy apartment on the ground floor of the Barge Office, very different from the close, stuffy little room in the Customs-House which was first assigned to it.

Besides ample accommodations for newspaper men and witnesses, there are a hundred or more seats in the rear of the room, which will undoubtedly be in great demand by those who desire to follow the proceedings of the investigating committee as spectators.

There was a large gathering in the big corridor of the Barge Office in the morning before the doors were opened. The latter were guarded by an officer from the Customs-House, and no one was to be admitted. It was announced, until the Committee was ready to begin its proceedings.

While waiting for the opening of the session, the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Fairchild, the Chairman of the Customs-House, Mr. Cooper, the Special Treasury Agent, Mr. Lyon, and the other members of the Commission, were busy with the examination of the papers and documents which had been submitted to them by the Customs-House.

Mr. Fairchild did not arrive at the Barge Office until nearly 11 o'clock, and then he himself went into the meeting-room with his colleagues.

Previous to this Appraiser Marville W. Cooper went into the meeting-room with the Commissioners present, and then went away again.

**Fears That His Alleged Insubordination May Result Seriously.**

**A Priest Says the Charges Are Without Foundation.**

**SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., May 24.**—There is a growing apprehension in the Catholic circles that the recent visit of Papal Delegate Satolli to Hoboken will prove the source of serious disturbances in the Church.

The fear has already been expressed that America will see the unprecedented spectacle of a Bishop of the Catholic Church being disciplined for insubordination.

This fear has received wide currency from the unequivocal assertion of Rev. Father Corrigan, of the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace in Hoboken, that Bishop Wigger of Newark was directly responsible for the circulation of adverse criticisms upon Mr. Satolli during the latter's visit in Hoboken.

At first it was given out that these criticisms, together with stories of general opposition by the clergy of the Newark diocese to the visit of the Papal Delegate, had been sent forth by Rev. Father Corrigan, of Jersey City.

The fair Corigan, when questioned about these priest's connection with the insubordination, replied: "They are too small fry to be considered. The man who is really responsible for the disclosures to the press is the Bishop of Newark, who inspired the show of hostility to Mr. Satolli, and it is his duty to be made to answer for this action."

Bishop Wigger has been on a tour of visitation through his diocese since last Sunday, and is to-day at Dover, N. J. He has systematically declined to express himself in any way on this subject.

A priest who enjoys the confidence of the Bishop told this morning at St. John's Hall, Bishop Wigger's residence, that there was absolutely no foundation for the insubordination charges. The very fact that Bishop Wigger hastened to the Pontifical Monastery in West Hoboken to pay his respects to Mr. Satolli upon the latter's arrival there shows that there was no animosity in his mind.

"What could be done to the Bishop if it were shown on investigation that he had been guilty of insubordination?" he asked. "I think it safe to say that the Bishop would be deposed."

**Guessing Is in Order on the Gravesend Programme To-Day.**

**The Events Are Mainly for Maidens and Non-Winners.**

There are no stake events on the card at Gravesend to-day, but, nevertheless, the racing should be well worth looking at. The events are mainly for maidens and non-winners at the meeting. Three of the six races are for two-year-olds.

In the opening event, a dash of five furlongs, Hurlingham, Discount and Sir Ekeas, who have shown themselves to be high-class, but, unfortunately, have not been able to win, should make a very pretty race.

Longdale, Bowers, Galilee and McIntyre ought to go well in the second event, and the maiden three-year-olds in the third race will make the talent do some tall guessing.

Addie, Holter, Harvett, Sandowne and Comanche ought to make the fourth event interesting, and the fifth race at a mile and a sixteenth, has Nomad, Arcton, Sir Arthur, Mordeke, Virginia, Jack Rose and other good ones entered.

The closing event is a race for maiden two-year-olds. The track will be dry and fast. The entries and selections are as follows:

First Race—A sweepstakes of \$15 each, with \$1,000 added, for two-year-olds, to be run on May 24, at Gravesend, New York.

Second Race—A sweepstakes of \$15 each, with \$1,000 added, for two-year-olds, to be run on May 24, at Gravesend, New York.

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**Mrs. Dr. Palmer Makes That a Pica to Annul the Decree.**

**The Rosenbergs and Bob Hilliard Figure in the Case.**

**Justice Pratt, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning denied Mrs. Annie E. Palmer's application to open her default in the divorce proceedings brought against her by her husband, Dr. Warren B. Palmer, of 300 Hancock street, Brooklyn.**

The divorce was obtained very quietly last December, the testimony being taken by a referee, and the details were not made public.

When the papers were handed down this morning it was found that they contained material affecting several persons well known in New York—J. W. Hilliard, the actor, and Louis Rosenfeld.

The Palmeres were married in 1880, and have had two children. Dr. Palmer received his degree of doctor, signed by Justice Pratt, on last night, and gave up his practice in New York.

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**Charged with Causing the Death of Margaret Manzoni.**

**The Girl's Mother the First Witness in the Case.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 7, Mrs. Bigger saw Dr. Chase and a Mrs. Johnson tearing up a lot of papers they took from a desk in the doctor's office.**

That night Deputy Coroner O'Hare came to the house, but saw no one. He was told that the doctor had left the house.

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**Opened the Wrong Window.**

**Young Bowden Accused of Burglary, but Discharged.**

**Alfred Bowden, seventeen years old, of 60 Decatur street, Brooklyn, was this morning arraigned in the Gates Avenue Police Court, in Brooklyn, on a charge of burglary.**

When Justice Watson heard the entire story he dismissed the charge of burglary and discharged the prisoner.

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**Laura Little Goes Free.**

**She Is Not Believed to Be an Habitual Shoplifter.**

**Her Aged Father and Mother Appeared in Court with Her.**

The small family of Thomas G. Little, of 105 West Ninety-fourth street, head salesman for Jeffries & Co., tobacco merchants, of 81 Cortlandt street, was gathered within the rail before Justice Voorhis in Jefferson Market Court this morning, where the aged father and mother of Miss Laura Little appeared for her plea for mercy to that of their daughter, who admitted taking goods valued at \$11.00 from Stern's retail dry-goods store.

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**JUDGE BEERS'S SUIT.**

**Testimony that Normannia's Passengers Were Deceived.**

**Courtlandt Van Rensselaer a Witness This Morning.**

Judge Beers resumed to-day in United States District Court the hearing in the suit of Judge Alfred B. Beers, of Bridgeport, Conn., against the Hamburg-American Packet Company for \$10,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained through the detention of the steamer Normannia and her passengers by the Hamburg-American Packet Company.

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